

TO: City Council for the June 6, 2016 Meeting
FROM: Mary Steckel, Public Works Director *dag AIC*
DATE: May 24, 2016
THROUGH: Mark W. Shepard, P.E., City Manager *MWS*
SUBJECT: All Roads Transportation Safety Grant



Action Requested:

For information only, no action required.

Discussion:

The All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS) program is administered by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and addresses safety needs on all public roads in Oregon. Using crash data, ODOT has identified a number of corridors and “hot spots” around the State that could benefit from implementation of safety improvements. These projects have been ranked based on a benefit/cost analysis that considers the number of crashes at a location and their associated cost, the expected reduction in crashes, and the cost of recommended mitigation measures.

ODOT has identified a section of 9th Street from Circle Boulevard to Spruce Avenue as a “hot spot” with 30 accidents in a 4-year period. The mitigation strategy they have developed includes construction of a raised median that would restrict movements at driveways in this section of 9th Street and at Spruce Avenue to right-in, right-out. No left turns to or from these access points would be allowed.

ODOT is finalizing the scopes for all the recommended projects state-wide. Staff expects the median to make the final funded project list given its relatively high benefit/cost ratio. ODOT will conduct a public outreach process to provide owners of affected properties and businesses an opportunity for feedback on this concept. Outreach is expected to begin in the spring of 2017 and construction programmed for sometime between 2018 and 2020.

This project will be added to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) update that will be considered with the FY17-18 budget.

Budget Impact:

The estimated cost of the median project is \$379,000. The ARTS program requires a local match of \$27,360 (7.78% of the grant) which will be budgeted in the future, the timing of which will be determined by ODOT.